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REPORT OF SELECTMEN,

AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1903-1904.

Town Clerk—Henry S. Griffith.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor—T. T. Vaughan, W. A. Tillson, Seth C. C. Finney.

Treasurer and Collector—James A. Vaughan.

School Committee—Henry S. Griffith (1904), James A. Vaughan (1905), Seth C. Finney (1906).

Road Commissioners.—E. H. Murdock (1904), L. F. Morse (1905), Frank F. Tilson (1906).

Constables—J. E. Vaughan, S. B. Briggs.

Auditor—Ellis G. Cornish.

Library Trustees—Rev. O. F. Stetson (1904), Seth C. C. Finney (1905), Henry S. Griffith (1906).

Tree Warden—J. M. Bump.

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers—F. E. Crapo, O. P. Griffith, Donald McFarlin.

Fence Viewer—Seth C. C. Finney.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood—Donald McFarlin, James A. Vaughan, Henry T. Hammond.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Forester—J. M. Bump.

Inspector of Animals—J. M. Bump.

Burial Agents—T. T. Vaughan, W. A. Tillson.

Herring Committee—S. B. Briggs, S. C. C. Finney, A. H. Griffith.

Committee on By-Laws—H. S. Griffith, S. C. C. Finney, O. L. Shurtleff.

Committee on North Carver School House—Peleg McFarlin, E. E. Shaw, J. A. Kenney.

Committee on P. P. Road—S. C. C. Finney, E. E. Shaw, J. A. Kenney.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Citizens of Carver—

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town for the past year, with such other facts as may be of interest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand, Jan. 15, 1903,	\$766 78
Received from—	
County treasurer, dog license dividend,	205 11
Treasurer of the Commonwealth,	
for income of Massachusetts school fund,	526 34
for education of children,	42 00
for compensation of Inspector of Animals,	20 10
for corporation tax,	762 17
for national bank tax,	324 74
for state aid,	776 00
for military aid,	18 00
for burial of indigent soldiers,	70 00
Town of Middleboro,	12 50
Town of Plymouth, aid of paupers,	79 95
Town of Hanson, aid of paupers,	7 50
B. A. Hathaway, clerk of Third District Court, fines,	89 38
W. L. Chipman, clerk of Fourth District Court, fines,	15 00
Gustavus Atwood, income of Pratt fund,	125 00
Peleg McFarlin, income of Ellis school fund,	230 00
From state for salary of Superintendent of Schools,	500 00
Tuition of children in small towns,	300 00
E. B. Whitmarsh, license to peddle,	6 00

F. L. Randall, license to peddle,	6 00
Henry C. Monroe, license to peddle,	6 00
A. H. Griffith, sale of herring privilege,	3 33
Grass on town farm—1902,	1 00
J. A. Vaughan, grass on town house lot,	50
Geo. A. Shurtleff, outbuilding at District 1 school,	10 00
T. T. Vaughan, stove at District 1 school,	5 00
Albert Humphrey, stove at District 1 school,	5 00
P. J. Holmes, crushed stone,	6 25
State Highway loan fund,	1,896 00
County Treasurer, partial payment of expense of road from South Carver to Tremont,	400 00
Taxes collected,	14,957 10
Interest on taxes collected,	84 37
Wilson Shaw, cemetery fund, money hired,	102 33
Charles W. Griffith, cemetery fund, money hired,	576 35
Jose, Parker & Co., money hired,	4,857 00
Jose, Parker & Co., money hired,	1,959 17
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	\$29,751 97

CR.

Paid for—	
Support of schools,	\$4,600 76
Superintendent of schools,	600 00
School books and incidentals,	691 17
Repairs of schoolhouses,	182 62
State High school appropriation,	337 80
New schoolhouse at North Carver,	3,096 94
State aid,	603 00
Soldiers' relief,	15 00
Support of poor out of almshouse,	1,869 65
Support of poor in almshouse,	321 05
Repairs and furnishing almshouse,	10 93
Officers' salaries,	1,063 79
Repairs of highways,	2,062 61

Removal of snow,	40 25
Repairs of bridges,	157 27
Repairs on town house,	3 45
State tax,	775 00
County tax,	1,318 66
Fighting fire,	88 48
Library,	120 84
Tree warden,	89 36
Suppression of crime,	60 50
State road,	2,897 09
Surveying South Meadow cedar swamp,	292 42
Widening and straightening Forest street,	9 94
Widening and straightening Main street,	624 34
Incidental town expenses,	474 27
Jose, Parker & Co., money hired,	4,857 00
Jose, Parker & Co., money hired,	1,959 17
Interest on money hired,	259 70
Old Home Week,	50 00
Cash on hand, Jan. 15, 1904,	218 91
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	\$29,751 97

PLYMOUTH, CARVER & WAREHAM STREET

RAILWAY LOAN.

At a special town meeting held October 18, 1903, it was voted that the town hire \$15,000.00 and purchase 1500 shares of the Plymouth, Carver & Wareham Street Railway.

Hired of Jose, Parker & Co. at 4 per cent., \$15,000.00, giving the notes of the town in yearly payments of \$1,500 each, until paid, with a premium of \$15.00, and interest at the rate of 4 per cent. on any unexpended balance. The whole amount to be left with them on deposit, subject to orders from the town treasurer as needed.

Received from—

Jose, Parker & Co.,	\$15,000 00
Interest to time of deposit,	30 00
Premium,	15 00
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	\$15,045 00

Paid—

J. B. Collingwood,	7,500 00
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	\$7,545 00
Interest on above balance to Jan. 1, 1904,	97 00
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Balance on deposit,	\$7,642 00

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Ellis Griffith, cemetery fund,	\$297 61
E. T. Stetson, cemetery fund,	680 89
T. B. Griffith, cemetery fund,	1,208 59
P. W. Bump, cemetery fund,	123 14
Charles W. Griffith, cemetery fund,	594 01
Augustine Shurtleff, cemetery fund,	117 12
Wilson Shaw, cemetery fund,	106 59

Carver, Mass., Feb. 1, 1904.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer of Carver, and find the same to be correct.

ELLIS G. CORNISH,
Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1903	DR.		
Jan. 15.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1898,		\$26 99
1904	CR.		
Jan. 15.	By taxes collected,	\$9 89	
	Taxes uncollected,	17 10	
		<hr/>	\$26 99
1903	DR.		
Jan. 15.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1899,		100 34
1904	CR.		
Jan. 15.	By taxes collected,	\$38 19	
	Taxes uncollected,	62 15	
		<hr/>	100 34
1903	DR.		
Jan. 15.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1900,		297 30
1904	CR.		
Jan. 15.	By taxes collected,	\$160 24	
	Taxes uncollected,	137 06	
		<hr/>	297 30
1903	DR.		
Jan. 15.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1901,		681 13
1904	CR.		
Jan. 15.	By Emma Wrightington, tax		
	tax abated,	1 67	
	By taxes collected,	338 42	
	Taxes uncollected,	341 04	
		<hr/>	681 13
1903	DR.		
Jan. 15.	To uncollected taxes, bills of 1902,		1,710 00
1904	CR.		
Jan. 15.	By Emma Wrightening, tax		
	abated,	\$1 62	
	By N. S. Cushing, tax abated,	1 08	
	By John Burgess, tax abated,	2 00	
	By taxes collected,	950 79	

	Taxes uncollected,	754 51	
		<hr/>	1,710 00
1903	DR.		
Jan. 15.	To amount of taxes, bills of 1903,		15,600 09
1904	CR.		
Jan. 15.	By taxes abated,	\$11 94	
	By taxes collected,	13,459 57	
	Taxes uncollected,	2,128 58	
		<hr/>	15,600 09

POOR.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the support of the Poor the past year.

	DR.		
Appropriation,	\$2,000 00		
Town of Plymouth, aid Nathaniel Doty,	79 95		
Town of Middleboro, aid Dora Bradford,	12 50		
Grass on town farm, 1902,	1 00		
	<hr/>	\$2,093 45	
Overdrawn,		487 51	
		<hr/>	\$2,580 96

The following sums are due the Poor account from other cities and towns.

Benjamin Darling, board Mary			
A. Eames,	\$308 46		
Town of Franklin, aid Grace R.			
Johnson,	110 47		
Town of Middleboro, aid Florence			
Bradford,	2 00		
Town of Middleboro, aid Laura Bradford,	1 75		
Town of Middleboro, aid Lydia Thrasher,	15 00		
City of Fall River, aid Emma Leterneau,	15 00		
State aid of Jose D. Teireir,	9 00		
	<hr/>	\$461 68	

POOR IN THE ALMSHOUSE.

CR.

Paid—

Mrs. C. Bradford, matron,	\$130 00
S. H. Pink, groceries,	78 40
Geo. A. Shurtleff, berries and vegetables,	1 85
Mrs. J. D. Chase, bread,	80
J. S. McKay, meat,	29 10
H. C. Robbins, milk,	10 33
T. T. Vaughan, wood,	34 11
T. M. Cole, wood,	8 00
Ida M. Shurtleff, doing chores.	9 10
Chesman Coombs, doing chores,	6 10
Charles T. Cornell, sawing wood,	10 90
H. Carron, labor,	2 36

\$321 05

EXPENSE OUTSIDE THE ALMSHOUSE.

Geo. A. Shurtleff, care of tramps,	1 80
S. H. Pink, groceries, Coombs family,	139 65
J. S. McKay, meat, Coombs family,	49 77
T. T. Vaughan, wood, Coombs family,	32 50
T. M. Cole, wood, Coombs family,	16 00
C. F. Cornell, sawing wood, Coombs family,	12 84
Fred A. Ward, milk, Coombs family,	17 55
Dr. G. F. Morse, medical attendance, Coombs family,	4 75
H. Carron, splitting wood, Coombs family,	15
Ellis Foundry Co., aid Hall family,	107 45
C. W. Westgate, meat, Hall family,	10 75
S. Dexter Atwood, wood, Hall family,	7 25
Ichabod W. Tillson, sawing wood, Hall family,	3 13
Ichabod Shurtleff, milk, Hall family,	1 20
H. H. Gammons, milk, Hall family,	9 96

Dr. E. H. Cornish, medical attendance	
Hall family,	61 28
P. E. Morris, nursing W. R. Hall,	2 00
Ellis Foundry Co., aid E. C. Westgate,	127 98
C. W. Westgate, meat, E. C. Westgate,	3 72
Dr. E. H. Cornish, medical attendance E. C. Westgate,	6 75
Taunton Insane Hospital, board Wilson McFarlin,	169 46
Taunton Insane Hospital, board H. D. Morse,	169 46
Medfield Insane Asylum, board A. Sherman,	146 00
Mrs. Clara Roberts, board Esther C. Hines,	146 00
Town of Wareham, aid Stringer family,	129 85
S. H. Pink, groceries, Emma Leterneau,	15 00
Peleg McFarlin, rent, Mrs. A. Stringer,	30 00
Dr. E. H. Cornish, medical attendance, Mrs. A. Stringer,	63 00
George Adams, carrying James Brigham to state farm,	2 00
Peter Boyer, carrying state pauper to state farm,	2 00
S. H. Pink, aid Grace R. Johnson,	110 47
Dr. G. F. Morse, medical attendance Florence Bradford,	2 00
Dr. G. F. Morse, medical attendance Laura Bradford,	1 75
Manuel Penno, care of Jose D. Teireir,	9 00
Dr. Burns, medical attendance Mrs. De Rose,	6 00
Dr. G. F. Morse, medical attendance Mrs. De Rose,	21 25
Rachel Johnson, nursing Mrs. De Rose,	45 84
Seth C. C. Finney, supplies, Mrs. DeRose,	15 84

William Burns, rent, Mrs. DeRose,	6	25	
Wm. Collingwood, wood, Mrs. De Rose,	1	50	
James Hennessey, aid, Jabez Benson,	78	00	
P. N. Bodfish, clothing, Jabez Benson,	10	00	
Dr. E. H. Cornish, medical atten-			
dance, Jabez Benson,	6	00	
Total expense outside almhouse,			\$1,803 15
Total expense at almshouse,			321 05
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			\$2,124 20
Overdrawn in 1902,			456 76
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			\$2,580 96

REPAIRS AND FURNISHING ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

Balance from 1902,	\$8	04	
Overdrawn,	2	89	
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			\$10 93

CR.

Paid—

T. T. Vaughan, for dry goods,	\$.80	
T. T. Vaughan, for sundries,	1	53	
Seth C. C. Finney, for crockery, etc.,	2	50	
Seth C. C. Finney, for sundries,	1	40	
Geo. Adams, repairs,	4	00	
J. E. Wrightington, filing saws,		70	
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			\$10 93

STATE AID.

DR.

Due from the State,	\$603 00
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CR.

Paid—

Samuel S. Atwood,	\$28 00
P. Jane Barrows,	48 00
Marcus Bumpus,	3 00
Charles A. Holmes,	48 00
John B. Hatch,	48 00
Abigail Hatch,	48 00
Lucy M. Ide,	44 00
Sarah M. Phillips,	12 00
Mary M. Phillips,	12 00
Mary A. Shaw,	48 00
Susan A. Shaw,	48 00
Isaac Shaw,	48 00
Ruth D. Shaw,	48 00
John F. Stratton,	48 00
Lizzie S. Stratton,	48 00
Abbie H. Eddy,	36 00

\$603 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

DR.

Appropriation,

\$100 00

CR.

Paid—

Dr. W. D. Shurtleff, medical attendance	
Thankful Atwood,	\$15 00
Dr. C. S. Gleason, medical attendance,	
Joseph Keif,	\$23 50
J. W. Tillson, care of Joseph Keif,	13 50
C. Sullivan, care of Joseph Keif,	20 00
F. F. Gibbs, digging grave, Joseph Keif,	2 50

Overdrawn, 1902,	14 44	
Balance to new account,	11 06	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

	DR.	
Balance from 1902,		\$15 00
	CR.	
Balance to new account,		\$15 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

	DR.	
Balance from 1902,	\$171 46	
B. A. Hathaway, fines,	89 38	
W. C. Chipman, fines,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$275 84
	CR.	
W. W. Carruth, counsel,	10 00	
J. E. Vaughan, Alfred De Rose, case,	4 49	
J. E. Vaughan, Seth Clark case,	3 48	
J. E. Vaughan, Albert Smith, case,	5 34	
J. E. Vaughan, Henry Vaughan, case,	11 39	
J. E. Vaughan, Louis Randell, case,	15 80	
Balance to new account,	225 34	
	<hr/>	\$275 84

MILITARY AID.

	DR.	
Balance from 1902,		\$88 00

CR.

Balance to new account,	\$88 00
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TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance from 1902,	\$12 90	
J. A. Vaughan, grass,	50	
		\$13 40

CR.

Paid—		
James S. Davis, fixing door,	40	
Albert Leach, repairs,	1 55	
Seth C. C. Finney, lock,	1 50	
Balance to new account,	9 95	
		\$13 40

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Balance from 1902,	36 19	
		\$136 19

CR.

Paid—		
Fred N. Whitman, books,	\$82 72	
Little, Brown & Co., books,	6 00	
Seth C. C. Finney, curtains,	1 80	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	6 32	
Balch Bros. & Co., books,	24 00	
Balance to new account,	15 35	
		\$136 19

REPAIR OF BRIDGES.

DR.

Balance from 1902.	\$70 90	
Overdrawn,	86 37	
	<hr/>	\$157 27

CR.

Paid—

E. H. Murdock, bridge by Hurd Place,	\$5 50	
W. T. Southworth, bridge by Hurd Place,	1 50	
Geo. Doane, tile, bridge by Hurd Place,	5 20	
Cement, bridge by Hurd Place,	60	
Chas. H. Atwood, bridge by Hurd Place,	5 73	
J. M. Bump, labor,	75	
	<hr/>	\$19 28

BRIDGE BY F. A. WARD LAND.

Fred Maiser, labor,	\$1 50	
Henry Levque, labor,	1 50	
Percy Shurtleff, labor,	1 50	
	<hr/>	4 50

BRIDGE BY J. KENNEY'S.

Levi F. Morse, labor, team, etc.,	\$25 02
George Beauchemin, labor,	7 33
Henry Burgess, labor,	8 50
Henry Bassett, labor,	7 50
Lewis Letendra, labor,	7 50
H. Carron, labor,	3 00
Arnold Hammond, labor,	3 00

Frank Bernier, labor,	5 63	
Walter H. Thayer, labor,	10 00	
Coal,	4 00	
M. H. Cushing, cement,	3 00	
Town of Middleboro, drain pipe,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$96 48

BRIDGE ON PLYMPTON ROAD.

Levi F. Morse, labor and team,	\$2 35	
Fred Vickery,	75	
Arthur Beauchemin,	75	
	<hr/>	\$3 85
George W. Atwood, labor, Cove Bridge,	\$0 50	
Waldo Bros., drain pipe,	24 75	
N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad, freight,	2 37	
E. H. Murdock, labor,	3 35	
T. T. Vaughan, posts and rails,	2 19	
	<hr/>	\$157 27

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

	DR.		
Appropriation,		\$100 00	
Balance from 1902,		11 90	
		<hr/>	\$111 90
	CR.		
Paid—			
Levi F. Morse, labor,		\$4 50	
Henry Burgess, labor,		1 00	
Arnold Hammond, labor,		1 70	
Joseph Washburn, labor,		40	
Alton Chandler, labor,		3 25	

W. B. Dunham, labor,	60	
A. A. Patanaude, labor,	60	
John Burgess, labor,	40	
A. Peckham, labor,	40	
Roswell Shurtleff, labor,	1 50	
James W. Lewis, labor,	1 70	
Herbert Maranville, labor,	40	
T. T. Vaughan, labor,	1 30	
Herbert Vaughan, labor,	40	
E. H. Murdock, labor,	2 50	
W. T. Southworth, labor,	1 10	
Lucien Atwood, labor,	2 50	
P. J. Holmes, labor,	2 00	
Jesse Holmes, labor,	80	
E. E. Shaw, labor,	3 00	
James Hudson, labor,	1 00	
Neil McDonald, labor,	1 00	
Elsworth Shaw, labor,	1 00	
F. E. Barrows, labor,	1 60	
Robert Holmes, labor,	40	
Arthur Burbank, labor,	40	
P. Ramsdell, labor,	40	
J. M. Bump, labor,	2 00	
William Stringer, labor,	80	
Andrew Stringer, labor,	80	
A. F. Cornish, labor,	80	
Balance to new account,	71 65	
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REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Dr.

Appropriation,	\$2000 00	
Balance from 1902,	128 31	
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CR.

Frank T. Tillson, Commissioner.

Paid—

Frank T. Tillson, labor and team,	\$101 18	
H. H. Gammons, labor and team,	80 98	
Z. W. Andrews, labor and team,	85 33	
John A. Winberg, labor and team,	79 64	
Simon McGregor, labor,	31 16	
Zedo Goms, labor,	26 25	
Antone Burbash, labor,	35 25	
John Pina, labor,	36 75	
Sebastian Goms, labor,	36 42	
Peter Ferdinand, labor,	39 41	
Bernard Ferdinand, labor,	28 74	
Ernest Dunham, labor,	22 22	
William T. Gibbs, labor,	3 32	
Peter Mailer, labor,	5 00	
Thomas Kaska, labor,	1 50	
Dana Hardware Co., shovels,	11 81	
Peleg McFarlin, gravel,	64	
S. Dexter Atwood, gravel,	1 12	
Joseph McFarlin, gravel,	1 70	
Frank F. Tillson, gravel,	66	
		\$629 09

South Carver, Jan. 7, 1904.

To the Selectmen of Carver—

GENTLEMEN—I wish to resign my office of Road Commissioner of Carver, to take effect Monday, March 7, 1904.

Respectfully,

FRANK F. TILLSON.

E. H. Murdock, Commissioner.

Paid—

E. H. Murdock, labor and team,	\$186 32
Lucien Atwood, labor and team,	24 39
H. T. Maxim, labor and team,	1 50
W. T. Southworth, labor,	19 66
Lucius Atwood, labor,	2 50
Edgar Holmes, labor,	6 00
Webster C. Vaughan, labor,	4 00
R. L. Richards, shovels,	1 35
E. H. Murdock, plow and freight,	10 75
James Thomas, labor,	28 25
Embert Eames, labor and team,	8 40
Embert Eames, 29 1-2 tons stone,	14 75
Leonard Powers, labor and team,	8 40
Roswell Shurtleff, labor and team,	5 55
George Shurtleff, labor and team,	8 40
E. E. Shaw, labor and team,	54 60
George W. Thomas, 8 tons of stone,	4 00
Arnold Hammond, labor,	1 50
Henry Bassett, labor,	3 00
Louis Letendra, labor,	3 00
Walter Thayer, labor,	3 00
Henry Thomas, labor,	6 00
Edward Marsh, 10 tons stone,	1 00
H. Carron, labor,	50
Foster Washburn, 30 tons stone,	3 00
George Beauchemin, labor,	5 15
Henry Burgess, labor,	4 50
Levi F. Morse, labor and team,	12 15
George Winslow, labor,	4 00
Everett Fuller, labor,	3 00
Henry Leveque, labor,	46 92
Joe Blais, labor,	22 50
A. Leflame, labor,	3 00

T. T. Vaughan, slabs,	2 00
Good Roads Machine Co., shovels,	5 75
O. L. Shurtleff, labor and dynamite,	4 92
F. E. Barrows, labor and team,	44 10
Arthur Gosslin, labor,	3 00
Mrs. E. W. Shaw, gravel,	24
Archie Gonier,	9 75
J. M. Bump, labor and team,	42 00
Andrew Stringer, labor,	13 50
William Stringer, labor,	15 00
Frank Gibbs, labor,	14 00
Leon Jefferson, labor,	1 00
Silas Thomas, labor,	75
Frank Lufkin, labor,	1 00
James Kennedy, gravel,	3 00
Henry Griffith, gravel,	1 80
Joseph McFarlin, gravel,	2 60
Frank Bernier, labor,	2 25
William Shaw, gravel,	1 00
W. C. Richards, repairing tools,	80
W. C. Richards, gravel,	16
T. T. Vaughan, gravel,	8 00
E. E. Shaw, gravel,	4 00
S. T. Weston, gravel,	1 56
Mrs. A. T. Shurtleff, gravel,	1 00
Crushed stone from Stone road,	10 00

\$712 02

Levi F. Morse, Commissioner.

Levi F. Morse, labor and team,	\$283 13
George Beauchemin, labor,	14 75
Henry Burgess, labor,	19 50
Arnold Hammond, labor,	61 09
Percy Shurtleff, labor,	4 50
Roswell Shurtleff, labor and team	57 68
Clifford Shurtleff, labor,	40 58

Joseph Washburn, labor,	1	11	
William Bruce, labor,	3	75	
A. Peckham, labor		67	
Clifford Shurtleff, shovels,	1	50	
Benjamin Parker, labor,	38	92	
Benjamin Parker, axe,		50	
Benjamin W. Robbins, labor and team,	33	60	
Alton Chandler, labor and team,	33	60	
Adelbert P. Robbins, labor,	20	08	
Finney Bros., mowing brush,	4	25	
Fred Vickery, labor,	24	00	
Arthur C. Beauchemin,,	25	58	
Embert Eames, labor and team,	32	67	
Robert Shurtleff, tools,	1	75	
Henry Levque, labor,	6	00	
H. Carron, labor,	1	50	
William Thomas, labor,	1	34	
John Chase, labor,		60	
Nelson Sherman, gravel,	10	50	
Crushed stone from Stone road,	25	00	
			\$756 50
Balance to new account,			30 70
			<hr/> \$2,128 31

STONE ROAD AT NORTH CARVER.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Received from state,	1,000 00
Balance from 1902,	718 60
Town of Hanson, packing up crusher plant, to move,	7 50

Crushed stone, used on other roads,	35 00	
Crushed stone sold P. J. Holmes,	6 25	
Overdrawn,	126 24	
	<hr/>	\$2,893 59

CR.

Paid—

James L. Jenney, coal,	\$107 20
Levi F. Morse, labor and team,	378 48
Levi F. Morse, stone,	8 20
E. H. Murdock, labor and team,	64 75
Lucian Atwood, labor and team,	136 96
Roswell Shurtleff, labor and team,	183 10
E. E. Shaw, labor and team,	132 21
Leonard Powers, labor and team,	127 73
George Beauchemin, labor,	88 04
Henry Burgess, labor,	64 31
Arnold Hammond, labor,	36 74
George Winslow, labor,	53 93
Everett Fuller, labor,	26 78
Fred Pouliet, labor,	4 50
Benjamin Parker, labor,	45 49
Fred Maiser, labor,	9 53
Eugene Wrightington, labor,	26 11
Arthur Gosslin, labor,	39 06
Diston Bruce, labor,	44 38
Embert Eames, stone,	185 50
E. A. Richards, stone,	111 05
George A. Shurtleff, stone,	126 10
George W. Thomas, stone,	152 14
Horace Thrasher, labor,	42 83
Ellis Gibbs, labor,	30 33
Chester Rickard, labor,	3 16
Webster C. Vaughan, labor,	8 18
Benj. W. Robbins, labor,	15 88
Harry Shurtleff, stone,	57 63

E. H. Marsh, stone,	27 58
Walter H. Thayer, engineer,	107 50
John Stratton, labor,	15 63
A. Leflame, labor,	6 00
James Otis, labor,	3 00
Edgar Holmes, labor,	3 00
Henry Bassett, labor,	10 33
Louis Letendra, labor,	10 33
E. E. Gardner, repairing tools,	8 81
Henry Thomas, engineer,	69 00
Henry Thomas, expense on engine,	5 16
E. T. Ford, oil,	26 60
Joseph Rickard, labor and team,	6 75
Charles Murray, stone,	22 68
James Thomas, labor,	7 58
Howard Weaver, labor	2 50
O. H. Shaw, board of Henry Thomas,	22 50
O. H. Shaw, stone,	2 38
Frank Wilbur, stone,	5 20
Charles Connell, stone,	4 30
Foster Washburn, stone,	4 70
T. T. Vaughan, slabs,	78 00
Good Roads Machine Co., repairs on stone crusher,	49 58
Good Roads Machine Co., repairs on engine,	12 00
Harry Levque, labor,	10 50
Fred Vickery, labor,	2 25
Good Roads Machine Co., oil,	4 50
S. H. Pink, lanterns and barrels,	4 97
Charles F. King, use of land,	10 00
T. T. Vaughan, posts,	4 40
E. H. Murdock, rails,	4 00
William Bruce, putting up railing,	7 50
Benjamin C. Shaw, oil,	18 48
Levi F. Morse, board of Walter Thayer,	10 00

\$2,893 59

The town has on hand one five-ton wagon scales, 2,500 feet of lumber, 50 tons of crushed stone, and tools, the whole valued at \$135.

WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING MAIN STREET.

DR.

To Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Overdrawn,	124 34	
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Paid—

E. H. Murdock, labor and team,	\$181 40
W. T. Southworth, labor,	22 50
Fred Maiser, labor,	37 97
Henry Levque, labor,	45 40
Percy Shurtleff, labor,	11 25
Edgar Holmes, labor,	24 75
Webster C. Vaughan, labor,	20 25
Omer Masier,	23 32
Lewis Letendra,	32 32
Henry Bassett, labor	30 82
George Winslow, labor,	4 50
Arnold Hammond, labor,	12 50
Arthur Gosslin, labor,	2 00
Chester Rickard, labor,	19 86
Peter Boyer,	6 00
Joe Blais, labor,	29 32
A. Leflame, labor,	3 32
E. E. Shaw, labor and team,	6 30
Everett Fuller, labor,	26 32
Gustavus Atwood, surveying,	5 50
James Otis,	18 82

James Poirier,	20	47	
Tonie Peno,	1	50	
Henry Burgess,		50	
E. E. Gardner, repairing tools,	1	90	
Robert Shurtleff, tools,	1	25	
H. T. Maxim, labor and team,	2	85	
W. C. Richards, sharpening tools,	1	45	
Heirs of Lewis Skerrett, land damage,	10	00	
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			\$624 34

NEW ROAD AT SOUTH CARVER.

DR.

Received from County Commissioners,	\$400 00
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Overdrawn in 1902,	\$220 90	
Balance to new account,	179 10	
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TOWN INCIDENTALS.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Balance from 1902,	945 33
H. C. Monroe, license to peddle,	6 00
Received from State one-half pay of	
Inspector of Animals,	20 10
Sale of herring,	3 33
Corporation tax,	762 17
Bank tax,	324 74
Jose, Parker & Co., money hired,	7,000 00

Wilson Shaw, cemetery loan,	102 33
Charles W. Griffith, cemetery loan,	576 35
E. B. Whitmarsh, license to peddle,	6 00
F. L. Randall, license to peddle,	6 00
Interest on taxes,	84 37

\$10,233 72

CR.

Paid—

A. C. Bradford, Inspector of Meat,	\$15 00
J. A. Kenney, damage to wagon by defect in highway,	5 00
Memorial Press, printing,	3 75
Allen Bros., fire badges,	2 00
P. B. Murphy, Assessors' posters,	1 50
J. S. Fairbanks & Co., account books,	12 00
J. A. Vaughan, stamped envelopes,	21 20
T. T. Vaughan, express on book and stationery,	1 35
W. A. Tillson, disinfectants,	3 71
H. S. Griffith, preparing Town by-laws,	4 00
O. L. Shurtleff, horse hire, Forester,	9 05
Thomas Jackson, Treasurer's bond,	16 00
Finney Bros., shovels,	10 00
Seth C. C. Finney, cash paid for cita- tion notice,	3 00
Dr. G. F. Morse, returning deaths,	75
Dr. G. F. Morse, returning births,	25
Thomas Groom & Co., collector's book,	1 75
Seth C. C. Finney, clerk's fees,	3 00
Florence Vaughan, Clerk, Assessors,	11 25
Bernice E. Barrows, typewriting rail- way franchise,	1 23
T. T. Vaughan, horse hire,	1 50
W. A. Tillson, horse hire,	16 00
Seth C. C. Finney, horse hire and car fare,	19 25

Hobbs, Warren & Co., pauper notices,	50	
Little, Brown & Co., Town officer,	4 00	
Henry Shaw, book on Settlements,	2 00	
County Clerk fees, road petitions,	3 00	
J. W. Atwood, returning deaths,	1 50	
J. M. Bump, Inspector of Animals,	26 12	
H. S. Griffith, expressage and post- age, Town Clerk,	3 68	
H. S. Griffith, expressage and post- age, School Committee,	3 47	
Geo. P. Lincoln, Ballot Clerk, election,	1 50	
Albert Atwood, Ballot Clerk, election,	1 50	
Gustavus Atwood, Clerk, School Committee,	3 00	
Seth C. C. Finney, paper and blanks,	3 64	
T. T. Vaughan, car fare, Selectman,	7 58	
T. T. Vaughan, car fare, Overseers of Poor,	5 00	
T. T. Vaughan, car fare, Assessors,	2 00	
T. T. Vaughan, express and postage,	5 00	
Seth C. C. Finney, postage, School Committee,	1 00	
Seth C. C. Finney, postage, Selectmen,	2 00	
Clayton McFarlin, making plans,	1 50	
Memorial Press, printing Town Reports,	78 00	
Cecil T. Bagnell, stationery and printing,	7 84	
Corporation tax returned to State,	141 72	
National Bank tax returned to State,	3 01	
Interest and money hired,	259 70	
		\$730 51
State tax,	\$775 00	
County tax,	1,318 66	
Jose, Parker & Co., money hired,	7,000 00	
Balance to new account,	409 55	
		\$9,503 21
		<u>\$10,233 72</u>

FIGHTING FIRE.

CR.

Paid—

A. G. Finney and men,	\$1 70
John F. Stratton,	90

Railroad Fire, North Carver.

E. H. Murdock, labor,	\$1 30
W. T. Southworth, labor,	40
Henry Levque, labor,	40
Joe Blais, labor,	40
A. Leflame, labor,	40
Henry Bassett, labor,	40
Louis Letendra, labor,	40
Omer Maisier, labor,	40
James Otis, labor,	40
James Poirier, labor,	40
Chester Rickard, labor,	40
Levi F. Morse, labor,	40
George Beauchemin, labor,	40
Lucien Atwood, labor	I 00
E. E. Shaw, labor,	I 00
Leonard Powers, labor,	I 00
Roswell Shurtleff, labor,	I 00
Ellis Gibbs, labor,	40
Horace Thrasher, labor,	40
Arnold Hammond, labor,	40
Benjamin Parker, labor,	40
Arthur Gosslin, labor,	40
Fred A. Ward, labor,	20
Charles F. King, labor,	20
Everett Fuller, labor,	40
Joseph Washburn, labor,	25
John Stratton, labor,	I 20
Diston Bruce, labor,	70

Frank DeRose, labor,	70
A. Peckham, labor,	2 00
Horace Robbins, labor,	40
A. W. Shurtleff, labor,	1 20
Archie Stratton, labor,	40
John Stratton, Jr., labor,	7 73
Charles Thomas, labor,	83
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	\$28 28

Fire on the Plains.

E. H. Murdock, labor,	\$1 30
W. T. Southworth, labor,	40
A. Leflame, labor,	40
Fred Maisier, labor,	40
Joe Blais, labor,	40
A. Leflane, labor,	40
Henry Bassett, labor,	40
Louis Letendra, labor,	40
Omer Maisier, labor,	40
James Otis, labor,	40
James Poirier, labor,	40
Chester Rickard, labor,	40
Everett Thomas, labor,	40
Earl Ware, labor,	40
William Holmes, labor,	40
Robert Holmes, labor,	40
Jesse Holmes, labor,	40
Obed Shaw, labor,	40
Edward Shaw, labor,	40
Isaac W. Shaw, labor,	40
Peter Baldue, labor,	20
Everett Fuller, labor,	40
Edgar Holmes, labor,	40
Levi F. Morse, labor,	40
George Beauchemin, labor,	40

Henry Burgess, labor,	40
Lucien Atwood, labor,	I 00
E. E. Shaw, labor,	I 00
Roswell Shurtleff, labor,	I 00
Leonard Powers, labor,	I 00
Ellis Gibbs, labor,	40
Horace Thrasher, labor,	40
Arnold Hammond, labor,	40
Benj. Parker, labor,	40
Arthur Gosslin, labor,	40
George Winslow, labor,	40
Diston Bruce, labor,	40
Theron Cole, labor,	40
A. C. Bradford, labor,	40
Fred A. Ward, labor,	40
Charles F. King, labor,	40
Frank Rickard, labor,	40
E. E. Gardner and man, labor,	80
Ira Dimond, labor,	I 80
F. A. Durand, labor,	40
A. Peckham, labor,	I 80
A. W. Shurtleff, labor,	I 80
Frank Bernier,	

\$30 50

Fire at Swan Holt.

Lester Bruce, labor,	\$0 80
Fred Maisier, labor,	40
A. L. Shurtleff, labor,	60
A. Peckham, labor,	60
Henry Levque, labor,	40
A. P. Robbins, labor,	40
Horace Vaughan, labor,	35

\$3 55

Railroad Fire at Plymouth Line.

James Griffin, labor,	\$0 30
Fred Marshall, labor,	30
John Whalen, labor,	30
John Barrett, labor,	30
Pat. McBride, labor,	30
Pat. Desmond, labor,	30
A. G. Finney, labor,	2 50
Fred Kelley, labor,	30
Pat. Hardy, labor,	30
Mike Whalen, labor,	30
Richard Clarkson, labor,	30
Con. Sullivan, labor,	30
Tom McCarthy, labor,	30
Finney Bros., shovels,	2 00
George Hall, labor,	20
E. Forbes, labor,	20
W. Collingwood, labor,	20
W. Crosby, labor,	60
John Moran, labor,	1 00
J. Burgess, labor,	60
James Beck, labor,	60
C. Robbins, labor,	1 10
A. Cole, labor,	80
Frank Rickard, labor,	20
C. Thomas, labor,	80
W. Willie, labor,	40
W. B. Dunham, labor,	20
Frank Thomas, labor,	75
E. F. Pearson, labor,	30
S. Pratt, labor,	30
H. Appling, labor,	30
C. O. Dunham, labor,	30
A. W. Shurtleff, labor,	30
A. C. Chandler, labor,	30

N. Story, labor,	30
H. Lucas, labor,	20
A. P. Robbins, labor,	20
A. Peckham, labor,	20
Seth C. C. Finney, team,	50
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	\$18 90

H. Lucas Fire.

George Lincoln, labor,	\$0 40
Everett Fuller, labor,	30
Stillman Pratt, labor,	40
Charles Beauchemin, labor,	40
A. P. Robbins, labor,	40
Arnold Hammond, labor,	30
H. T. Hammond, labor,	30
Fred Dimond, labor,	40
H. Appling, labor,	40
T. T. Vaughan, labor,	20
Alton Chandler, labor,	30
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	\$3 80
F. F. Tillson,	80
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	\$88 40

TOWN OFFICERS.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$1,100 00
Balance, 1902,	33 59
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	\$1,133 59

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Paid—

J. A. Vaughan, Treasurer and Collector,	\$284 76
Ellis G. Cornish, Auditor,	10 00
Ellis G. Cornish, Moderator,	5 00
J. E. Vaughan, Truant Officer,	24 50
B. E. Barrows, Librarian,	50 00
O. L. Shurtleff, Forester,	23 33
F. E. Crapo, Constable, 1902,	10 50
T. T. Vaughan, Assessor,	47 50
W. A. Tillson, Assessor,	48 75
Seth C. C. Finney, Assessor,	50 25
T. T. Vaughan, Selectman,	88 25
W. A. Tillson, Selectman,	52 45
Seth C. C. Finney, Selectman,	56 00
T. T. Vaughan, Overseer of the Poor,	25 00
W. A. Tillson, Overseer of the Poor,	13 05
Seth C. C. Finney, Overseer of the Poor,	15 00
T. T. Vaughan, Register,	11 00
W. A. Tillson, Register,	9 50
Seth C. C. Finney, Register,	10 00
Seth C. C. Finney, Board of Health,	1 75
H. S. Griffith, Town Clerk,	50 00
H. S. Griffith, School Committee,	26 00
Seth C. C. Finney, School Committee,	37 00
J. A. Vaughan, School Committee,	5 00
J. E. Vaughan, Constable,	100 00
Alton H. Griffith, Herring Committee,	2 50
J. M. Bump, Forester,	6 70
Balance to new account,	69 80
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	\$1,133 59

WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING FOREST AND
PURCHASE STREETS AND FOSDICK ROAD.

	DR.	
Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
	CR.	
Paid—		
Brockton Times, advertising,	\$5 95	
Middleboro Gazette, advertising,	1 75	
Old Colony Memorial, advertising,	2 25	
Balance to new account,	990 05	
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SURVEYING GREAT LOTS IN SOUTH MEADOW
CEDAR SWAMP.

	CR.	
Paid—		
Gustavus Atwood and men, surveying and marking plan,		\$292 42

MARKING GRAVES IN TOWN.

	DR.	
Balance from 1902,		\$25 00
	CR.	
Balance to new account,		\$25 00

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND FORESTER

DR.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Balance from 1902,	17 00
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	\$117 00

CR.

Paid—

J. M. Bump, labor,	\$19 00	
Frank Gibbs, labor,	5 70	
Joseph McKay, labor,	33	
William Stringer, labor,	8 40	
Gustavus Atwood, labor and material,	2 10	
C. H. Atwood, labor,	3 00	
H. Cassady, labor,	3 00	
Smith & Thayer Co., pump outfit,	20 97	
Bowker Insecticide Co., desperine,	18 00	
J. M. Bump, use of hose,	50	
J. M. Bump, freight and pump,	85	
J. M. Bump, use of team,	7 50	
Balance to new account,	27 64	
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The elm tree leaf beetle did not make its appearance in this Town the past season.

Now that we have the greater part of our main street laid out, the abutting land owners should be careful in cutting their forest land not to cut trees in the highway, as these are trees we shall wish to reserve as shade trees.

As Forester I would say that the Road Commissioners should keep our roadside trimmed out for the better protection from forest fires. There has been a number of miles cut out the past season and I hope we shall see the work completed the present year.

It is recommended by the agent of the State Board of For-

estry that the Forester and Fire Wardens hold a meeting in the Town Hall each spring for devising ways for the better protection of our forests.

J. M. BUMP,
Tree Warden and Forester.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE NEW SCHOOLHOUSE AT NORTH CARVER.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$1,800 00
T. T. Vaughan, stove,	5 00
Albert Humphrey, stove,	5 00
Geo. A. Shurtleff, outbuilding,	10 00
Overdrawn,	1,276 94
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	\$3,096 94

Old Primary School building, not sold.

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Paid—

J. M. Cobb, building contract,	\$1,970 00
J. M. Cobb, sheathing for Old Gram-	
mar schoolhouse, moulding for	
blackboard, and extra labor,	283 85
Edward E. Babb, blackboards,	66 59
Chandler Chair Co., chairs and desks,	324 25
Albert Humphrey, stoves and piping,	165 00
Geo. A. Shurtleff, grading, per con-	
tract,	150 00
Geo. A. Shurtleff, carting seats,	2 00
Ellis Foundry Co., stack heater,	17 28
Horace Thrasher, painting outside	
building,	20 67

W. H. H. Weston, paint,	9 05	
H. P. Bailey & Bro., hard finish and oil,	11 13	
Horace Robbins, putting on finish and oil,	1 20	
A. L. Hammond, putting on finish and oil,	2 00	
Clarence Thomas, putting on finish and oil,	1 40	
W. Thomas, putting on finish and oil,	30	
J. A. Kenney, putting on finish and oil,	6 25	
Horace Thrasher, putting on finish and oil,	50	
E. B. Atwood, lumber bill,	4 04	
H. P. Bailey, mdse. bill,	1 53	
Horace Thrasher, labor on storm door,	1 00	
Horace Robbins, labor on walk,	60	
Horace Robbins, putting up blackboard,	40	
J. A. Kenney, putting up blackboard,	40	
J. A. Kenney, putting up seats,	75	
Telephoning and postage,	1 50	
Cost of estimates and drawing plans,	17 75	
H. P. Bailey & Bro., stove pipe,	75	
Car fare to Boston,	2 08	
J. A. Kenney, committee,	12 50	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight bill,	10 92	
J. A. Kenney, carting,	2 00	
Wood & Tinkham, printing advertise- ment for old building,	1 25	
W. H. Southworth, drawing plans,	8 00	
		\$3,096 94

PELEG McFARLIN,
J. A. KENNEY,
E. E. SHAW,
Building Committee.

FRANCHISE GIVEN THE PLYMOUTH, CARVER &
WAREHAM STREET RAILWAY CO.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Town of Carver, Selectmen's Office.

In the matter of the petition of the directors of the Plymouth, Carver & Wareham Street Railway Company, dated July 21st, 1902, praying that said company may be granted a location in said Carver, with such turnouts, curves and switches as may be needed, together with the necessary poles, wires and other fixtures for the purpose of operating by electricity or other motive power except steam, from the Carver-Wareham to the Carver-Plymouth line, over the "New Road," so-called, Cherry Street, Rochester Road, Plympton Road, and Plymouth Road.

Said petition having been duly published and hearing having been held on the same, according to law, said Selectmen are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require the granting of said location and said company is hereby granted an original location in said Carver, over and upon the following ways or highways:—

Beginning at Carver-Wareham line, thence over the Wareham road leading from Tremont to South Carver, to Cherry Street, thence over Cherry Street, so-called, to the Rochester-Plymouth road, so-called, thence over said Rochester-Plymouth road to the Plympton-Wareham road, so-called, thence over the Plympton-Wareham road to the road leading to Plymouth by way of Wenham, thence over the said Plymouth road to the Carver and Plymouth line. This grant of location is made expressly under and subject to the following terms, conditions and restrictions, which said board deems that the interests of the public require, to wit:—

1. The rails to be used by said company shall be of the pattern known as the "T" rail, weighing not less than sixty pounds to the yard, and the space between said rails shall be fitted to a level to the top of said rails with such material and

in such manner as the Board of Selectmen may designate. In all matters of construction the work done and material furnished shall also be in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

2. The motive power to be used upon said track shall be electricity, used and applied by the system known as the overhead trolley, or such other power as the Selectmen may from time to time authorize. To guard against the effect of electrolysis the said company shall provide such connections for the return of the electric current and such form of bonding of rails as shall be satisfactory to the Selectmen, and said company shall provide such further precautions and make such changes and modifications as they may direct from time to time.

3. If, in the judgment of said Board of Selectmen, any street or highway on which said location is granted, is, on account of narrowness or want of straightness, unsuitable to afford safe and convenient passage both for public travel and for the cars of said company, and if said company is unable to obtain the necessary land to remedy these defects by purchase from abutters, said company shall, before entering upon said street or highway for the purpose of laying said tracks and erecting poles or other fixtures, request said Board of Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to widen, straighten and locate anew said highway or street, and said company shall assume and pay all expenses that may result from any widening, straightening or locating anew under such petition, including both land damages and the expense of construction.

4. The said company shall keep the streets in a safe and convenient condition for travel while laying the railway, and shall save the Town harmless from all loss, cost and damage resulting from failure to do so, and shall leave the streets in a good, safe condition, and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets.

5. All poles, brackets, wires and fixtures shall be maintained by said company at all times in good order and repair, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and suit-

able guard wires and all work connected with wires shall be erected and maintained to the satisfaction and under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets.

6. At all points where the stringing of feed, trolley or guard wires shall in any way interfere with the bridges, brackets or other appliances used in the operation and maintenance of electric street lights, police signal and telephone and fire alarm telegraph, such changes as may be required in their location or height shall be done under the direction of the Selectmen, and the expense of such change shall be paid by the company.

7. If in the construction of said street railway, it shall be necessary to remove or relocate any poles belonging to any other company, the said Plymouth, Carver & Wareham Street Railway Company shall remove and relocate said poles at its own expense, under the direction and approval of the Superintendent of Streets.

8. No shade trees shall be cut, trimmed, lapped, or otherwise touched or used by said company unless and until the approval in writing of the Tree Warden shall first be obtained, and such work shall be done by or under his direction, if he so desires, all expense thereof to be paid by said company.

9. The said company shall be responsible to and remunerate the Town for any and all loss, cost and damage of every name and nature sustained by it on account of and in any wise growing out of the location, construction and maintenance of said street railway.

10. All damages occasioned to property by reason of any change of grade, specific, general repairs, working to grade and other changes of any sort, in the streets and portions of streets, made or rendered necessary to be made by reason of the location and construction of said tracks, shall be paid directly to the property owner so damaged by said company, and it shall reimburse said town for all expense, loss, cost and damage it may be occasioned thereby, immediately on demand, and in the event of failure so to do the same shall be recovered in an action of contract.

11. Whenever surface water may collect or be obstructed by occasion of the constructions of said company under this order, means for its disposal, whether by catch basins, drains, or otherwise, shall be provided as the Superintendent of Streets may direct, by and at the expense of said company, and as a part of the constructions hereunder.

12. If in the construction of said tracks it shall become necessary in the judgment of the Selectmen to widen the wrought part or to change the grade or work, to grade or to make general or specific repairs upon the whole or any portion of said streets, such work as they may direct shall be done at the expense of said company, and in case said company shall fail to do such work the same may be done by the Town and the expense collected of said company in an action of contract.

13. Whenever the tracks are located upon the side of the street, said company at such street crossings, and at such private crossings of abutting owners as the Selectmen may from time to time, designate, pave, plank, macadam, or fill with such other material as the Selectmen may direct, the space between the rails and for eighteen inches outside each rail, and said company shall at all times keep such paving, planking, macadam or other filling in good and safe repair and condition, and shall reimburse the Town for all cost, expense or damage it may be put to on account of the want of repairs of the same.

14. Said company shall remove the snow from such portions of streets as tracks are located in by this decree, including snow thrown up by ploughs or other appliances for cleaning the tracks, to the acceptance of and as may be directed by the Superintendent of Streets, except that where said tracks may be located upon the side of said streets, and outside the travelled part thereof, said company shall only be required to remove the snow from said street within its location in such way as may, in the judgment of said Superintendent of Streets, in no way interfere with the safe and convenient use of said streets.

15. The Town shall not be responsible to the company for any damage that may be occasioned by the bursting of water and sewer pipes, building or repairing the same, nor the fall of any poles or wires erected or permitted to be erected, nor by the damages occasioned by repairs of streets or any other use of the streets which it makes or permits to be made.

16. The Town, through its proper officers, and upon written order of the Chairman of Selectmen or Superintendent of Streets, for the purpose of repairing, constructing, or extending its highways, its water, sewer, or other system of municipal works, and in case of fire along the line of this location, may take up and obstruct the tracks and cut the wire of said company without being under any liability to said company, and if said company's wires or tracks shall be broken, cut or taken up from any cause connected with the work being performed by the Town and any of its officers and authorized agents, they shall be replaced by said company at its own expense.

17. The words "Superintendent of Streets" shall be held to mean road commissioners or other officers having charge of the ways in question.

18. The ties used by said company shall be in respect to size, quality and distance from each other when laid, be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Railroad Commissioners, and all the poles shall be straight, round chestnut poles.

19. Said company shall file with the Selectmen before the doing of any work under the authority of this order, plans of all tracks, turnouts, switches, poles, structures, pole locations and constructions of said company, proposed under the authority hereof, within the limits of the streets, in such form and detail as the Selectmen may require and in writing approve.

20. Said company shall assume and pay all expenses properly incurred by the Town of Carver in connection with this grant of location, including council fees, necessary travelling, advertising, and other expenses, and shall also pay reasonable charges for supervision during construction.

21. In case any other company, person or persons, desire to use the poles of said street railway company for the erection or maintenance of wires for any purpose, such use may be allowed by said street railway company, provided such use is approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Railroad Commissioners.

22. All the foregoing conditions shall bind said company and any other company and companies who may acquire and use said location, whether by lease, foreclosure and sale, whether by direct purchase or contract, or under and through receiver, trustee in bankruptcy or any other order of court or otherwise.

In witness whereof the Selectmen of Carver have hereunto set their hands this first day of August, A. D. 1903.

T. T. VAUGHAN,
W. A. TILLSON,
SETH C. C. FINNEY,
Selectmen of Carver, Mass.

TOWN ASSETS.

Cash in the treasury,	\$218 91
Due from cities and towns, aid to sailors' wives and widows,	603 00
Due from cities and towns, and to paupers,	144 22
Due from State, aid to paupers,	9 00
Due from Benj. Darling, board of Mary A. Eames,	308 46
Money on deposit with Jose, Parker & Co., Jan. 1, 1904,	7,642 00
Uncollected taxes, 1898,	17 10
Uncollected taxes, 1899,	62 15

Uncollected taxes, 1900,	137 06	
Uncollected taxes, 1901,	341 04	
Uncollected taxes, 1902,	754 51	
Uncollected taxes, 1903,	2,128 58	
Liabilities over assets,	4,784 57	
	<hr/>	\$17,150 60

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Railway loan,	\$15,000 00	
Note, J. A. Vaughan and others, trustees,	1,000 00	
Note, Chas. Griffith, cemetery fund,	594 01	
Note, Wilson Shaw, cemetery fund,	106 59	
Bills for support of poor, estimated,	100 00	
All other bills,	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$17,150 60

APPROPRIATIONS, 1904.

The following sums are recommended to meet current expenses the ensuing year:—

Support of poor, by Overseers of the Poor,	\$1,500 00
Support of schools, by School Committee,	3,100 00
School books and incidentals, by School Committee,	800 00
Repair of schoolhouses, by School Committee,	150 00
Repair of highways, by Road Commissioners,	2,000 00
Repair of bridges, by Road Commissioners,	125 00
Town incidentals, by Selectmen,	500 00
Town officers, by Selectmen,	1,100 00
Fighting fire, by Selectmen,	88 48
Widening Main Street, by Selectmen,	175 00

Surveying South meadow, Cedar swamp, by Selectmen,	300 00
Tree Warden,	
Library,	
Repair of Almshouse, by Overseers of Poor,	25 00
Electric railway, note and interest,	2,000 00
Superintendent of Schools,	300 00

LIST OF JURORS.

The following list of jurors is presented for your revision and acceptance:—

James H. Hudson, laborer.
Fred A. Ward, farmer.
J. Myrick Bump, farmer.
Stewart H. Pink, storekeeper.
Charles H. Perkins, laborer.
Lothrop A. Hayden, manufacturer.
Embert H. Eames, farmer.
Horace C. Robbins, farmer.
Adelbert P. Robbins, laborer.
Geo. P. Lincoln, cranberry grower.
Webster E. C. Vaughan, laborer.
Henry S. Griffith, cranberry grower.
Harry E. Washburn, cranberry grower.
Robert F. Shurtleff, trader.
Olando P. Griffith, moulder.
Arthur W. Burbank, laborer.
Truman A. Tillson, cranberry grower.
Oliver L. Shurtleff, cranberry grower.

JURORS DRAWN IN 1903.

Alfred M. Shaw.

W. A. Tillson.

J. A. Vaughan.

Arthur H. Wade.

Geo. E. White.

Gustavus H. Long.

George Adams.

Henry E. Lucas.

Joseph H. Washburn.

T. T. VAUGHAN,

W. A. TILLSON,

SETH C. C. FINNEY,

Selectmen of Carver.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Raised by taxation, 1903 :—

Support of poor,		\$2,000 00
Support of schools,		3,500 00
School Superintendent,		700 00
School books and incidentals,		800 00
Repairs of schoolhouses,		300 00
Repairs of highways,		2,000 00
Removal of snow,		100 00
Town incidentals,		400 00
Town Officers,		1,100 00
Fighting fire,		368 17
Public Library,		100 00
Printing valuation lists,		26 00
Soldiers' relief,		100 00
Tree Warden,		100 00
Old Home Week,		50 00
New schoolhouse,		1,800 00
Stone road,		1,000 00
Widening and straightening Main Street,		500 00
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		\$14,044 17
State tax,	\$775 00	
County tax,	1,318 66	
	<hr/>	\$2,093 66
Value of personal estate,		\$460,150 00
Value of real estate,		932,045 00
Increase in value of personal estate,		\$168,515 00
Increase in value of real estate,		141,315 00

Tax rate per \$1,000, \$10.85.

Poll tax, \$2.

Number of polls, 253.

On poll only, 63.

On property, 609.

Number of horses, 230.

Number of cows, 118.

Number of cattle other than cows, 25.

Number of sheep, 14.

Number of swine, 14.

Number of dwelling houses, 377.

Number of acres of land, 21,300.

Numbers of acres of cranberry bog, 1,520.

Valuation of cranberry bog, \$496,675.

Increase in valuation of cranberry bog in 1902, \$67,840.

T. T. VAUGHAN,

W. A. TILLSON,

SETH C. C. FINNEY,

Assessors of Carver.

TOWN WARRANT.

Contents of Warrant for Town Meeting to be held at the Town House on Monday, March 7, at nine o'clock a. m. ;—

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will accept the jury list as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen and other Town officers.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town officers.

Art. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To determine the compensation for labor on the highway.

Art. 7. To decide when taxes shall become due and whether any interest shall be charged after a certain date.

Art. 8. To see what pay the Town will vote the Treasurer and Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will instruct the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will make the yards of Field Drivers Town Pounds, provided they are also chosen Pound-keepers.

Art. 11. To bring in their ballots, Yes or No, upon the question :—"Shall licenses be granted in the Town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?" and the polls will be kept open one hour.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to prosecute, compromise or defend any suits for or against the Town.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the observance of Old Home Week.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate one thousand dollars to continue the stone road, provided a like sum is secured from the State.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to improve the road leading from South Carver Village (past old Shoestring) to the Plymouth line, and appropriate and raise a sum of money therefor. By request of Frederick Anderson and others.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

MINORITY REPORT.

Proposed By-Laws for the Town of Carver:—

1.

The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers and for the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it, shall be held on the first Monday in March of each year, except that the Selectmen may, at their discretion, call it on a later date in the month of March or April.

2.

Every Town Meeting shall be notified by posting up attested copies of the Warrant in all of the postoffices of the Town, at least seven days before the time appointed for said meeting.

3.

Except at the Annual Meeting and adjournments thereof, no vote shall be passed at a Town Meeting appropriating or involving the expenditure of more than two hundred dollars, unless there shall be present at least twenty-five legal voters of the Town.

4.

The powers and duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by law, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Cushing's Manual so far as they are adapted to the condition and powers of the Town.

5.

The financial year of the Town shall end on the thirty-first day of December of each year.

6.

No payment shall be made by the Treasurer on the order of any officers or agents of the Town to an amount exceeding ten per cent. in excess of the amount appropriated for such department. Town officers shall not draw orders for expenditures in their departments during the months of January and February in excess of twenty per cent. of the appropriation for the preceding year.

7.

All officers, agents or committees of the Town having the charge of the expenditure of money shall annually report thereon in such manner as to give the citizens a fair and full understanding of the objects and methods of such expenditures. Said report shall be printed and included in the Annual Town Report, which Annual Report shall be published and ready for distribution ten days at least before the Annual Town Meeting.

8.

The assessment of taxes shall be completed and a list of the same committed to the Collector on or before the first day of August of each year. Taxes shall be payable on or before October 15 of the year of their assessment, and interest shall be paid on all unpaid taxes after December 1, at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

9.

The Auditor or Auditors shall examine the accounts of the Town officers as required by the statutes. Before certifying to the accounts of the Treasurer he shall examine his cash book wherein shall be entered his receipts and payments as they occur from day to day; shall see that he has paid out no moneys except on proper vouchers; examine cash and bank accounts and see that the same correspond with the balances as appear by his books; and see that the funds are intact. He shall certify in the Annual Report as to the correctness of all

the reports of officers or committees entrusted with the expenditure of money.

10.

The Treasurer shall pay the orders of the School Committee for the expenditure of all money pertaining to schools.

11.

The yards of Field Drivers shall be Town Pounds, provided the Field Drivers are chosen Pound Keepers.

12.

The compensation for labor on the highway shall be left to the discretion of the Road Commissioners unless it is otherwise regulated by statutes.

13.

The Town Clerk shall publish in the Annual Town Report a list of the appropriations for the year covered by the report; and all orders passed by the Town at the regular Annual Meeting or any special Town Meeting during said year. He shall also cause to be published in said report a list of all Town officers and committees for the year.

14.

Whoever violates any of the foregoing by-laws shall, unless other provision is expressly made, be liable to a penalty of not more than twenty dollars for each offence.

15.

No person shall be prosecuted or tried for any breach of the provisions of any by-laws of this Town unless the complaint for the same shall be instituted and commenced within six months from the time of committing such breach.

16.

All by-laws of this Town heretofore existing inconsistent with these by-laws are hereby repealed; and these by-laws of the Town of Carver shall go into effect from and after their adoption by the Town and their approval by the Superior Court or any justice thereof.

OPTIONAL LAWS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED
BY THE TOWN OF CARVER.

March 26, 1888—

Voted, To accept the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 82, Public Statutes, and Chapter 186 of the laws of 1884, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to receive all moneys for the purposes as called for in Art. 12 of the Warrant in relation to burying lots.

Voted, That the income of all funds deposited with the Town for the care and improvement of cemetery lots by paid by the Town Treasurer as follows:—In cases where the lots are in incorporated cemeteries to the order of the President of the Board of Trustees; in cases where the lots are in unincorporated cemeteries, to the order of the Board of Selectmen.

March 6, 1899—

Voted, To accept the provisions of Chapter 27, Sections 74, 75, 76, 77, of the Public Statutes, and choose Road Commissioners.

March 6, 1899—

Voted, To accept the provisions of Chapter 132, Acts of 1897, and that the necessary expense be taken from the Town incidental account. (Treasurer's bond.)

June 20, 1903—

Voted, To accept the provisions of the following chapters and sections of the Revised Laws: Sec. 17, Chap. 25; Sec. 24, Chap. 32; Sec. 14, Chap. 53; Sec. 9, Chap. 208. (Forester Act.)

HENRY S. GRIFFITH,
Chairman By-Law Committee.

In the matter of Town By-Laws, after considerable research, we have arrived at the conclusion that the less By-Laws the

more freedom, and as we regard freedom as the "paramount issue," we do not present a formidable array of articles, but simply report to the Town that it is "inexpedient to legislate."

Awaiting any further instructions and advising the Town to go slow, remembering that it is not so easy to annul a bad By-Law as it is to pass it, we are,

OLIVER L. SHURTLEFF,

SETH C. C. FINNEY,

Majority of the Committee on By-Laws.

OLD HOME WEEK.

The observance of Old Home Week in two successive years has met with a success far ahead of the anticipations of those who actively promoted the events, and the custom may be safely laid down as a permanent department of the town's current history. No event in our annual marches has called the people together and unified them in thought and action to the extent these celebrations have, and they can but result in great benefit to the town, not only in harmonizing the residents, but in recalling its absent sons and daughters, who annually return to their former homes to renew acquaintances of other days. Doubtless the weak points of past efforts will be strengthened by experience and the co-operation of our fellow-citizens, for in this humble way we can offer a testimonial to show our appreciation of the interest manifested so generously in the town by its former residents.

HENRY S. GRIFFITH.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

EXCERPTS FROM TOWN MEETING PROCEEDINGS, 1903.

March 2, 1903—

Voted, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish in the Annual Town Report an abstract of the proceedings of all Town meetings.

Voted, That compensation for labor on the highway be fifteen cents per hour for a horse and sixteen and two-thirds cents per hour for a man, or one dollar and fifty cents per day.

Voted, That taxes become due Sept. 1 and that interest be charged after Nov. 1.

Voted, To pay the Collector of Taxes one per cent. for collecting, and the Treasurer one-half of one per cent. for disbursements.

Voted, To instruct the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen if found necessary in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.

Vote on the question, "Shall license be granted in the Town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?" Yes, 10; No, 57.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to prosecute, compromise or defend any suit or suits against the Town.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to locate and provide a new school building or buildings at North Carver; that they be given discretion in the matter of utilizing one or both of the present buildings; and that the sum of eighteen hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this vote.

Voted, That a committee of three, one of which shall be the

Town Clerk, be appointed by the chair, to revise and codify the Town By-Laws, and bring them before the Town at the next Town meeting.

Voted, To pay the Moderator for his services at the Annual Town Meetings the sum of five dollars.

April 4—

Voted, Unanimously, to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to be added to a like amount to be allotted by the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the purpose of extending the macadam road from the foot of North Carver burial hill towards South Carver.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to name the streets of the Town and erect appropriate signboards thereon.

May 5—

Voted, To accept the highway leading from Lekenham Cemetery to a point above the residence of T. T. Vaughan, as laid out by the Highway Commissioners.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of carrying out the above vote.

June 20—

Voted, To accept the provisions of statutes relating to the Forester Act. (See report of By-Laws Committee.)

Voted, That the Committee on By-Laws be instructed to publish its report in the next Annual Town Report.

November 3—

Voted, That the Building Committee appointed to erect a schoolhouse at North Carver is hereby authorized to sell the old North Carver schoolhouse and apply the proceeds to the cost of the new building, and the Town Treasurer of Carver is hereby instructed, in the event of such sale of said old schoolhouse and lot, by said committee, to make a deed of conveyance to the purchaser.

Voted, To build the road leading from Pope's Point to North Carver as ordered by the County Commissioners.

Voted, To instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to construct said road, and that Seth C. C. Finney be named as one member of said committee.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for constructing said road.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN CARVER, 1903.

Feb. 4. Arthur G. Beauchemin and Maude E. Dunham.

May 16. George Adams and Abbie E. Cole.

May 20. Edwin A. Gross of Plympton and Maude M. Thomas.

June 17. Irving N. Tilden of New Bedford and Evelyn F. Robbins.

July 3. Clarence Thomas of Plympton and Cora M. King.

Aug. 11. George Lacroix of Fall River and Adonilda Bouget.

Sept. 5. Lothrop A. Hayden and Annie L. Thomas.

Sept. 8. Charles E. Vaughan and Lucy Thrasher of Hanson.

Nov. 10. John C. Owers of Plympton and Mabel H. Eames.

Nov. 21. Walter H. Dunham and Ethel Morse.

Nov. 22. Andrew Jackson and Alonia Quilia.

Dec 23. William E. Holmes and Almira C. Dowsett.

DEATHS RECORDED IN CARVER IN 1903.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			BIRTHPLACE.	PARENTS.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.			
Jan. 8	Marcus Bumpus	81	8	—	—	Samuel Bumpus and Chloe —	Gastritis chronic
" 10	Silya Hoapakaski	—	—	1	Carver	John Hoapakaski and Silya Wumkaium	Failing vitality
" 16	Winthrop E. Messier	1	4	22	Carver	Fred Messier and Caroline Beauchemin	Pneumonia
" 17	Eliza E. Bush	85	10	29	Wareham	— Gibbs and —	Natural causes
" 25	Franklin E. Chace	60	—	—	Yarmouth	George W. Chace and —	Organic disease of heart
" 29	E. Watson Shaw	64	4	28	Carver	Nathaniel Shaw and Betsey Shurtleff	Rheumatism
Feb. 4	Lydia A. Murdock	69	1	12	Carver	Marstin Cobb and Anna Shaw	Heart failure
" 9	Jennie Winberg	55	9	6	Sweden	M. Johnson and —	Heart failure
Mar. 7	Arthur E. Burgess	—	—	4	Carver	Henry P. Burgess and Jane G. Washburn	Injuries at birth
" 15	(Stillborn)	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 7	Ellen M. Hayden	52	9	20	Nantucket	Andrew W. Reed and Mary Carnes	Hemorrhage of bladder
" 8	Elkanah Long	89	9	—	Brewster	Elcanah Long and —	Injuries received from kick in bowels
May 1	James Cox	50	—	—	Wareham	Nicholas Cox and Margaret Callahan	Cholera infantum
" 8	George Silverberg	—	11	—	Carver	Gustavus Silverberg and Sophia Johnson	Asthma, heart failure
" 21	Solomon F. McFarlin	76	9	5	Carver	John McFarlin and Rebecca Blackmar	Paralysis
July 21	Benjamin Ransom	76	11	—	Carver	Benjamin Ransom and Lucy Hammond	Cholera infantum
Oct. 24	Vina Opie Johnson	—	6	12	Carver	Axel Johnson and Huldah Nalyah	Pneumonia
Nov. 10	Joseph P. Kief	67	—	—	Ireland	Patrick Kief and Katherine —	Billio Gastric Fever
" 12	Walter R. Hall	73	3	29	Camden, Me.	George Hall and Sally —	La grippe
Dec. 7	Mehitable King	78	9	1	Carver	Jesse Lucas and Deborah Bagnall	Organic heart disease
" 31	Elmer B. Perkins	57	8	22	Carver	Jonathan B. Perkins and Olive Clark	Internal injuries caused by accident
" 31	Frank Perron	67	—	—	Canada	Ulrich Perron and Ursule Parier	Heart disease
April 4	Joseph T. Shurtleff	71	8	0	Carver	Ichabod Shurtleff and Mercy C. Swift	Diabetes
June 4	Ger. E. Fowler, Taunton	48	2	5	—	Joseph Pratt and Jane Ellis	Cerebral hemorrhage
Dec. 29	Amos B. Drown, Sharon	81	10	3	Vermont	Amos Drown and Mary Bubarn	—

BIRTHS IN CARVER IN 1903.

DATE.		NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan.	2	Elsie Elizabeth Potter	Chas. D. and Bertha (Johnson)
Feb.	5	Maynerd Griffith	Henry S. & Helen A. (Tillson)
March	2	Arthur Edward Burgess	Hen. P. & Jane G. (Washburn)
"	8	Thelma Clementine Stringer	Wm. F. and Annie (Stringer)
"	15	Mary Francis Cornish	Ellis G. and Mary (Sears)
April	19	Hiram Leslie Rickard	Chester R. and — (Coombs)
May	16	Lucy D. Kennedy	James P. and Lulie (Stringer)
June	13	(Stillborn)	
July	10	Bessie Victoria Parker	John L. and Elisabeth (Black)
Aug.	9	Margaret Crocker Stockwell	Lauriston and Maud C. (Smith)
"	14	Rolland Littlefield Bradford	Albert C. and — (Braddock)
"	17	Hazel May Griffith	Alton H. and Lena F. (Tillson)
"	17	Marjorie Griffith	Orlando P. & Helen B. (Shaw)
Sept.	15	Ruth Adelle Goetz	Leander and Minnie R. (Lucas)
Dec.	13	Theodore Edward Branillard	Edward and — (Riel)
"	29	— Morris	Geo. P. and Elisabeth (Chace)

SUMMARY.

Births recorded in 1903,	16
Marriages recorded in 1903,	12
Deaths recorded in 1903,	25

DOGS LICENSED.

Males,	102
Females,	9

I hereby give notice that I am prepared to furnish blanks for the returns of births and deaths, according to law.

HENRY S. GRIFFITH,

Town Clerk, Carver.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FINANCES, YEAR ENDING DEC. 31. 1903.

Support of Schools.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$3,500 00	
State school fund,	526 34	
Tuition—State pupils,	42 00	
Tuition—Poor towns,	300 00	
Dog tax,	205 11	
Pratt fund,	125 00	
Ellis fund,	230 00	
Superintendent account,	200 00	
Balance from 1902,	264 00	
		\$5,392 45

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Paid—		
Teachers,	\$3,655 00	
Janitors,	246 55	
For fuel,	384 46	
For transportation,	344 00	
For cleaning,	15 23	
Balance unexpended,	747 21	
		\$5,392 45

Paid—

A. S. Burnham, teaching,	\$600 00
W. L. Waite, teaching,	386 00
A. L. Veazie, teaching,	297 00
L. G. Murdock, teaching,	324 00

E. G. Cornish, teaching,	324 00
Jennie F. Cowen, teaching,	258 00
Grace Gammons, teaching,	270 00
Elva B. Tillson, teaching,	300 00
A. R. Gifford, teaching,	324 00
M. C. Rogers, teaching,	291 00
L. F. Wood, teaching,	192 00
J. L. D. Russell, teaching,	72 00
Sarah S. Alley, teaching,	17 00
E. G. Cornish, janitor,	160 00
E. C. Churchill, janitor,	15 00
M. C. Rogers, janitor,	12 00
A. R. Gifford, janitor,	12 00
L. F. Wood, janitor,	9 00
A. L. Veazie, janitor,	9 00
L. G. Murdock, janitor,	6 00
J. F. Cowen, janitor,	12 00
Elva B. Tillson, janitor,	12 00
Grace Gammons, janitor,	12 00
Sarah S. Alley, janitor,	50
J. L. D. Russell, janitor,	2 25
Elmer and Clarence Braddock, janitors,	4 80
Geo. A. Shurtleff, coal, High school,	224 75
G. W. Cornish, sawing,	2 92
T. T. Vaughan, wood No. 5,	10 00
G. P. Lincoln, wood and sawing, No. 5,	9 00
J. A. Vaughan, wood, No. 5,	7 50
J. A. Vaughan, wood, No. 3,	18 33
J. A. Vaughan, wood, High,	25 88
E. H. Murdock, wood, No. 2,	12 50
S. S. Richards, wood, No. 2,	5 00
B. W. Robbins, wood, No. 1,	39 97
S. D. Atwood, wood, No. 4,	3 00
Gustavus Atwood, wood, No. 4,	2 50
Gustavus Atwood, wood, No. 8,	10 25
E. G. Cornish, wood and sawing,	4 06

A. E. Beauchemin, sawing,	4 74	
A. M. Derose, transportation,	72 00	
Autti Haski, transportation,	149 60	
Oscar Johnson, transportation,	86 40	
Kustaff Nyland, transportation,	36 00	
Mrs. N. E. Chase, cleaning No. 1,	63	
L. F. Wood, cleaning No. 5,	3 00	
Grace Johnston, cleaning No. 5,	3 00	
H. S. Petty, cleaning No. 8,	3 00	
Mrs. B. T. Kelley, cleaning No. 4,	5 00	
Lillian G. Murdock, cleaning No. 1,	60	
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		\$4,661 18

Repairs of Schoolhouses.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
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W. H. H. Weston, High,	\$20 52
Charles E. Vaughan, labor, High,	1 50
George E. Blair, labor, No. 3,	14 00
George E. Blair, labor, High,	3 75
J. W. Lewis, pump, High,	7 52
E. G. Cornish, labor, High,	1 50
S. C. C. Finney, locks, High,	1 50
Town of Plymouth, desks, No. 1,	30 75
A. S. Buckman, pump, No. 1,	51 00
George Adams, labor, No. 1,	25
Gustavus Atwood, stovepipe, No. 2,	1 25
Finney Bros., cement and curtains, No. 3,	10 75
Albert Leach, labor, No. 3,	3 40
A. E. Beauchemin, labor, No. 3,	2 66
J. H. Davis, labor, No. 3,	80
J. A. Vaughan, labor, No. 3,	1 50
H. R. Bailey, shelves, No. 4,	3 00
A. D. Griffith, labor, No. 4,	2 70

J. E. Dunham, paint, No. 4,	1 65	
S. F. Ryder, mason, No. 4,	3 50	
S. D. Atwood, lumber, No. 4,	11 72	
H. S. Griffith, material and labor, No. 4,	8 00	
W. F. Stanley, labor, No. 4,	2 00	
H. S. Griffith, labor and material, No. 4,	5 11	
E. F. Co., pipe, etc., No. 4,	5 42	
Smith & Thayer Co., pump, No. 4,	7 88	
George P. Lincoln, well, No. 5,	8 75	
Gustavus Atwood, labor, No. 8,	2 79	
E. Anthony & Sons,	2 25	
Longmans, Green & Co.,	85	
Overdrawn, 1902,	28 25	
Balance unexpended,	53 48	
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		\$300 00

Text Books and Incidentals.

DR.

Appropriation,	\$800 00	
Overdrawn,	285 75	
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		\$1.085 75

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Adams, Cushing & Foster, books,	\$2 20
D. C. Keith & Co., sundries.	1 15
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	36 33
Mortimer, Searles & Co., books,	1 20
A. E. Gifford, express,	3 45
A. W. Peterson, express,	27 72
J. L. Hammett & Co., books,	62 63
Edward E. Babb & Co., books,	83 66
Henry Holt & Co., books,	2 10
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	7 50
Ginn & Co., books,	80 22
Silver, Burdette Co., books,	83
Allyn & Bacon, books,	1 16
E. G. Cornish, sundries,	7 80

American Book Co., books,	20 21
Atkinson & Co.,	1 25
DeWolf & Vincent, tape measures,	1 50
C. W. Humphrey, postage,	3 83
Grace B. Gammons, ex.,	70
M. C. Rogers, ex.,	35
S. H. Pink, broom,	30
George P. Morse, cubes,	3 75
The Morse Co., books,	80 60
E. Anthony & Sons,	6 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	52 76
Rand, McNally & Co., maps,	8 80
Rand, McNally & Co., maps,	16 80
Thorp & Martin Co., paper,	1 50
Brausch & Lomb Optical Co.,	9 27
Samuel Ward Co., thermometres,	2 15
J. B. Lippincott Co.,	2 32
Elva B. Tillson, supplies,	75
J. A. Vaughan, measures,	21 40
C. C. Birchard & Co.,	20 80
E. M. Drury, apparatus,	3 00
Samuel Ward Co.,	3 45
Samuel Ward Co.,	1 65
Stowbridge & Clothier,	5 49
Franklin Co.	36
Longmans, Green & Co.,	5 44
A. R. Gifford, Sundries,	80
M. C. Rogers, sundries,	2 50
J. A. Vaughan, brooms,	60
Longmans, Green & Co.,	1 67
Elva B. Tillson, scissors, etc.,	1 50
E. F. Co., supplies,	90
Mortinier, Sears & Co., mdse.,	10 00
Franklin College Record,	1 40
Samuel Ward Co.,	2 50
Milton Bradley Co.,	7 75

Chandler Adjustable Co.,	6 50	
S. C. C. Finney, express,	45	
S. C. C. Finney, supplies,	3 35	
Samuel Ward Co.,	1 25	
Carter's Ink Co.,	3 75	
Edward E. Babb & Co., books,	139 70	
Milton Bradley Co.,	3 30	
J. A. Kenney, mats,	3 80	
C. W. Humphrey, postage and telephone,	8 06	
C. W. Humphrey, maps,	1 60	
Crane & Co., chart,	20 00	
Overdrawn in 1902,	272 01	
	<hr/>	\$1,085 75

State High School Fund.

DR.		
Received from state,	\$300 00	
Overdrawn,	82 78	
	<hr/>	\$382 78

CR.		
Paid—		
Frank M. Patten,	\$6 95	
George S. Briggs, labor,	67 75	
Franklin Laboratory Supply Co.,	136 10	
George S. Briggs,	11 28	
Wood, Brightman & Co.,	7 11	
Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.,	21 37	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	78 11	
J. W. Lewis, labor,	7 52	
C. B. Tillinghast,	35 00	
C. T. Harris,	11 95	
	<hr/>	\$382 78

Superintendent of Schools.

DR.		
Appropriation,	\$700 00	
State aid,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,200 00

Cr.

Paid—		
C. W. Humphrey,	\$600 00	
Support of schools,	200 00	
Overdrawn in 1902,	100 00	
Balance unexpended,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,200 00

In presenting our annual report our aim is to place the condition of our schools as vividly as we are able, before the citizens of the town. Our financial statistics are for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31; and our census and enrolment statistics for the natural school year ending August 31st.

The revolutionary theories in school matters can but be understood by looking back at the milestones. Time was when free schools were defended on the theory that the first duty of organized society was to protect itself, and it was argued that it would be more humane and cheaper in the end, to educate the youth, than to maintain police and prisons for their custody. The justification for this theory rests upon whether police, houses of detention, armies and navies, have kept pace with schools. Be this as it may, we have seen a revolution in school theories, but whether we have evolved a perfect system may be a matter for discussion.

In view of existing conditions of society, we hold that, to a certain extent, the old theory should still be in vogue, so how far we have a right to tax the people should be a matter not only for the consideration of the voters, but for the instruction of the young. The idea has been carefully nourished that there is no limit to school expenditures, and it is regarded as unpopular to criticise a proposition in school matters, whatever may be its nature.

While we admit that we cannot do too much for the edu-

cation of our young, we are inclined to think there may be a point beyond which expenditures are superfluous.

The pupils must learn, we cannot "learn" for them by any amount of money or effort. The old adage: "There is no royal road to learning," appears to have been displaced by "The more sacrifices you make to the goddess of education, the more learning she will shower upon you." This, in our opinion, is erroneous. The youthful mind, like the youthful body, requires a stated time for development, and how to strengthen both in the allotted time—not how to puff both in half the time—should be our aim. An overfed body and mind should be avoided, for both can be weakened by indigestion.

In noting the changes in the methods of instruction, we are led to believe that a per cent. is chargeable to the prevailing epidemic of commercialism, and we are convinced that much of it will not stand the test of analysis from the standpoint of education. Permanent effect and not transient amusement is the end we should strive for.

The legitimate object of educating the young rests on a foundation deeper than the mere matter of pushing them through a prescribed "course" in the least possible time. To develop both mind and heart, to create a deeper respect for home and parents, to restrain evil tendencies, to ground the young mind in its duty towards civil government and human society, to enliven a sympathy for the animal world, to show that all have an honored place in life, and to prepare the adult for a judicial and tolerant career, in our opinion constitutes education, and to accomplish these results the instructors must cultivate qualities not always associated with scholastic training.

We have read statements from leading educators to the effect that the object of education is to prepare the student to escape the drudgery of their parents. This we should look upon as a false doctrine, which, if persisted in, will neutralize the moral effect of the school. Should our instructors hold out the promise that a few years spent in school entitles the pupil to a

ticket which insures him against the burdens of life? Shall we be guilty of saying that labor is a degrading state which may be avoided by education? By so doing are we not poisoning the springs of society and swelling the army of "grafters"? To make the conditions of labor better, to make the next generation better mechanics and factory girls, better farmers and sailors, better merchants and manufacturers, better ministers and lawyers, and not mislead them with the mathematical absurdity that an education will ensure everyone a "soft snap" in life, should be the aim of public instruction.

POLITICAL SYSTEM.

We note with regret the tendency in this state to take the control of the schools from the hands of the parents and lodge it in the hands of a state bureau. The arguments which lead up to the change may be summed up in a current political maxim, *Ultimo ratio regum*.

The states of Michigan and Kansas, which boast of the best school systems of the Union, maintain the district system. A director, clerk, and treasurer, constitute the local board, and each township elects an inspector, who watches the progress of all the schools. These inspectors of a county hold annual meetings, at which a county board of examiners is chosen, and no teacher can make a valid contract with a local board who has not first obtained a certificate from the county board.

Such a system rests upon the theory that the people may be trusted with the welfare of their children, and it may be added that if the people are unwilling or incompetent to provide for the education of their young, they have fallen from a position they once held, and no state bureau can replace them.

Aside from the increased expense the new system involves, it tends to divorce the interest of the parents—a vital point in a true educational system.

That the home and school should go hand in hand should be read in both a literal and metaphorical sense. The home is

above the school as an educational factor, and the aim of the school should be to assist and improve the influence of the home. Let the people entertain the thought that the school is tainted with political grafting and they will speedily cherish a contempt for it; let them see it is theirs and for their benefit and they will as speedily rally to its support.

The school should be the intellectual centre of the community, and not its haughty teacher. The schoolroom should be opened every night in the week as a reading room, a lecture room, a debating room for the discussion of public questions, and a social resort. It should compete with the saloon and grocery store for a share of patronage, and who would say its influence would not be beneficial? It seems to us that we could inculcate a respect for the flag by such acts of intelligent patriotism, which would produce a deeper effect than the superficial matter of taxing the people for flags and poles and enforcing patriotism by law.

Some of our schools have raised funds with which they have purchased organs for their schoolrooms, and we sincerely think the tones of these instruments are more harmonious than they would be had they been presented by the state.

CONSOLIDATION.

The policy of consolidating schools may be necessary in some instances, but it should not be encouraged. We should hold out all the inducements in our power to encourage the building up of rural communities and no inducement is more attractive than a schoolhouse. From the standpoint of taxation it is suicidal to encourage the depopulation of any of the communities which make up our town.

Your chairman does not subscribe to the theory that collecting a large school stimulates the learning capacity of the pupils. On the contrary, the moral and sanitary conditions are better in the small school, and the progress of a pupil intellectually cannot be better guaranteed than in a small school, where

by individual training he may advance as fast as his aptitude and ambition will permit.

ABSENTEEISM.

This seems to be a chronic disease of our schools. Making due allowance for bad weather and sickness there are still many marks on the registers which should not be there. To say that a pupil who is absent one-fourth of the time loses one-fourth of the advantages of the school is not exact, for the absence of the pupil indicates a lack of interest when he is there. To compel a pupil to attend by enforcing the truancy act, falls short of the desired end, in that where a pupil goes against the wishes of himself and parents, he goes with no spirit, so the law should be enforced only in the most stubborn cases. The best method of carrying a point in this matter is to convince the parents of the necessity and enlist the interest of the pupil.

And while we are criticising the register in this departure, a more impressive thought is derived in imagining the black marks in a register kept by the parents in which would be entered the marks showing the absence of the teacher from the home. Does not this failure on the teachers' part give the impression in certain classes least benefited and most desirable of reaching, that the school is above them; when a false modesty makes the parent shrink from the association of the school? And so we would impress upon the teacher the benefits which might be derived from a closer association with the homes, which act would dispel the impression that there is such a thing as *caste* in the school.

FINANCE.

We realize we are treading on dangerous ground when we touch this department, and we are at a loss what to suggest in the way of retrenchment. To give the citizens of the town an

idea of where our increased expenditures come in we make the following comparisons with like expenditures of 1895:

Raised by taxation in 1895,	\$2,000 00
Raised by taxation in 1903,	4,900 00
Total school funds, 1895,	\$2,835 55
Total school funds, 1903,	6,628 45
Paid teachers, 1895,	\$2,131 25
Paid teachers, 1903,	3,655 00
Paid janitors, 1895,	\$68 25
Paid janitors, 1903,	266 55
Paid for fuel, 1895,	\$128 69
Paid for fuel, 1903,	384 46
Text books and incidentals, 1895,	\$148 64
Text books and incidentals, 1903,	813 74
Paid for fuel, High school building,	\$258 75
Paid for fuel, other buildings,	125 71
Paid janitor, High school building,	\$160 00
Paid janitors, other buildings,	112 55
Paid teachers, 1895,	\$2131 25
Paid superintendent and supplies, 1895,	398 34
Paid teachers, 1903,	\$3,655 00
Paid superintendent and supplies, 1903,	1,978 05
Cost per pupil, 1895,	\$17 20
Cost per pupil, 1903,	30 18

In the fuel account the figures are slightly misleading, as some of the common schools had a supply left over from 1902, and the supplies for the High school will last more than a year. We are of the opinion that the text book and incidental account is unnecessarily overdrawn, but when we touch this subject we touch a system which is saddled upon the public and

which a single town can throw off with difficulty, for the demands of a system in the public mind are as relentless as the edict of a statute.

The increase in the amount paid for teaching can easily be accounted for in the establishment of the High school and the division of the Centre school, and the increase in some other departments is beyond our control.

We must employ a superintendent in conjunction with other towns and his salary is fixed by law.

We must maintain a High school or pay tuition to other high schools. If we maintain a High school with only one pupil we must employ two teachers, or we do not comply with the law.

If we vote to build a new schoolhouse our authority ceases at that point. It would seem to us that the ventilating arrangements of a room in the country for the accommodation of a few scholars might be properly devised differently from such arrangements in a room in the city, under the conditions that implies; but we have no power of making laws to suit our case. If we would expect the allowance from the state we must maintain the average appropriations of the three preceding years. If we lower this average, we lose the \$700 received from the state last year, which amount would then have to be added to the tax levv. It would thus appear that the door which leads to lower expenditures has been closed.

Persons in town between 5 and 15, Sept 1 1903.	168
Persons in town between 7 and 14, Sept. 1, 1903,	140
Pupils of all ages in town in schools, term 1902-3,	198
Pupils under 5 in town in schools, term 1902-3,	4
Pupils over 15 in town in schools, term 1902-3,	15
Pupils between 7 and 14 in town in schools, term 1902-3,	140
Average membership of all the schools, term 1902-3,	168.24
Average attendance of all the schools, term 1902-03,	149.46
Per cent. of attendance of all the schools term 1902-3,	.89

Statistics gathered from the school registers for the natural school year, 1902-3:

NORTH CARVER GRAMMAR.

A. L. Veazie, Teacher.

Total membership, 25; average membership, 24.14; average attendance, 20.5; visitors, 27; length of school, 8 m. 15 d.; pupils enrolled whole year absent less than a week, Lamont Clark 1, Arlie Pink 3 1-2.

NORTH CARVER PRIMARY.

Miss Lillian G. Murdock, Teacher.

Total membership, 30; average membership, 25.5; average attendance, 23.6; visitors, 72; length of actual school 8 m., 13 d.; pupils enrolled entire year absent less than a week, Ernest Gardner, 4; Myrtle Gardner, 2; Preston McKay, 1; Forest Perkins, 3; Olive Perkins, 1.

POPE'S POINT.

Jennie L. F. Cowen, Teacher.

Total membership, 15; average membership, 11.2; average attendance, 8.7; actual length of school, 8 m., 11 d.; visitors, 39.

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Ellis G. Cornish, Teacher.

Total membership, 15; average membership, 11.6; average attendance, 10.06; visitors, 24; actual school length, 8 m., 12 d.; pupils enrolled whole year absent less than a week, Robert Diamond, 2; Kenneth Shaw, 4 1-2; Irene Cornish, 4.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

Miss Elva B. Tilsen, Teacher.

Total membership, 15; average membership, 12.2; average attendance, 10.8; visitors, 48; actual length of school, 8 m., 14 d.; pupils enrolled entire year and absent less than a week, Cora Shaw, 4; Lucille Shaw, 3.

SOUTH CARVER GRAMMAR.

Miss Anna R. Gifford, Teacher.

Total membership, 24; average membership, 19.9; average attendance, 17.9; visitors, 93; actual length of school, 8 m., 14 d.; pupils enrolled entire year absent less than a week, Ellis Atwood, 1 1-2; Ellis Bumpus, 0; Bernard Shaw, 0; Gerard Shaw, 4; H. S. Griffith, 2; Reba Griffith, 2 1-2.

SOUTH CARVER PRIMARY.

Mrs Mary C. Rogers, Teacher.

Total membership, 27; average membership, 20.6; average attendance, 18.5; visitors, 94; actual length of school, 8 m., 14 d.; pupils enrolled entire year absent less than a week, Eddie Griffith, 0; Andrew Griffith, 2; Rodney Griffith, 3 1-2; James Laird, 2; John F. Shaw, 1-2.

WENHAM.

Miss Lillian F. Wood, Teacher.

Total membership, 21; average membership, 13; average attendance, 11.6; visitors, 66; actual length of school 8 m., 16 d.; pupils enrolled entire year absent less than a week, Grace Pratt, 2.

BATES' POND.

Miss Grace Gammons, Teacher.

Total membership, 15; average membership, 10.2; average attendance, 9.2; visitors, 61; actual length of school 9 m.; pupils enrolled entire year absent less than a week, Emma Hudson, 0; Geo. Fred Washburn, 1-2.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A. L. Burnham, Principal; Miss W. L. Waite, Assistant.

Total membership, 28; average membership, 19.9; average attendance, 18.6; visitors, 34; actual length of school, 9m., 15 d.; pupils enrolled entire year absent less than a week,

Grace Shaw, 1; Henry Pink, 4; Alfred Freeman, 3; Paul Cornish, 0; Herbert Gammons, 0; Irving Dunham, 0.

The following appropriations are recommended for the ensuing year—

Support of schools,	\$3,100 00
Repairs of school houses,	150 00
Text books and incidentals,	800 00
Superintendent's salary,	300 00

HENRY S. GRIFFITH,

JAMES A. VAUGHAN,

SETH C. C. FINNEY,

School Committee of Carver.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of Carver:

Gentlemen—I report the number of pupils in the several schools as follows: South Grammar, 23; South Primary, 23; Centre Grammar, 16; Centre Primary 12; North Grammar, 21; North Primary, 29; Wenham, 10; Pope's Point, 12; Bates' Pond, 14; High School, 16; making a total of 176.

The report of attendance is already given in your report to the town.

Since the law gives the superintendent, or a teacher acting under instructions from a superintendent, the right to excuse only cases of necessary absence, and without a written excuse from the parents, a teacher has no means of knowing whether a pupil is absent necessarily or is playing truant, I would recommend that the committee request the parents to co-operate with the teachers in securing good attendance by providing them with such excuses.

There has been improvement in some of the work in all the schools in the town. Perhaps it is the most marked in the primary schools; and it is the most needed, not because it was poor before, but because it is the most important work done in any grade from the first to the end of the high school course. All the child's future school work depends upon it.

The aim in this work has been to secure facility, expression and comprehension of what is read. The ability to read easily makes the pupil more willing to read; it does not seem so much of a task. The study of expression helps them to better understand the author's thought and feeling, tends to refinement in both teacher and pupils, and later will help them to punctuate their own writing.

On their power to understand clearly what they read depends their ability to do good work in all their future studies.

The reading of complete selections from several authors has been done this year with good results. Pupils are getting a better appreciation of good literature. The Riverside Series, and other publications of the same class, make it possible to get the best reading at a small cost. This is done in addition to the reading in the regular reading books.

The teachers can do nothing better for their pupils than to stimulate and foster a taste for reading good live books. One of the best lists of books for young people that I know of is the Brookline "List of Books for Boys and Girls," published by the Brookline Public Library. It is to be had of the librarian at Brookline, Mass. It is a valuable aid to teachers in selecting reading for the pupils.

The use of the new arithmetics that have been introduced have given very satisfactory results. The pupils are learning to think and reason. The system is so different from that of the books formerly used that it causes a little difficulty in the higher grades, as certain things, which in these books are taken up in a simple way during the first two or three years, in the others were not touched upon until much later. These things then have to be taught for the first time, and the prog-

ress is necessarily slower; but those pupils who begin the series in the primary schools will not experience this difficulty. The work is so arranged as to give a constant review. The amount of business arithmetic given in the series is all that is needed by the ordinary boy or girl.

I wish to speak here of the value of a business course in schools. Pupils who take such a course in a high school, expecting that it will fit them for a business after completing it, and that they can at once obtain good, or even fair positions, are almost sure to be disappointed. They must get the most of their business training in a business house.

Within the past year I have sought opportunity to talk with many business men in regard to what they want young men and women to know, who come to them for work. Their answer is practically this: We want them to be sure of the four fundamental operations in arithmetic, to be able to spell, to write good English, and to have the best possible general education. If they have the general education, we will teach them how to do business.

A man who had been in successful business in a western city for 20 years said he had this year advised three boys of his acquaintance, who intended to leave high school for a business college, not to do so; but to go to some good house and offer to work for nothing for a year on the condition that they be taken into the office and taught the business. At the end of the year they would have saved the cost of tuition and books, have learned more than they could have in a business school, have had an opportunity to find out if they were likely to succeed in the work, if it was what they wanted, and they would also stand a better chance of securing employment. He advised them, however, to get a good high school education first, and to let that include a thorough training in the use of their own language. This last is absolutely necessary if one would become a stenographer.

If a business course is to be given in a high school it should continue for four years, be as broad as any other course, and

include a thorough training in English and at least one foreign language.

Besides several new text books that have been added during the past year, there has been purchased for the grammar schools, globes, sets of wall maps: N. A., S. A., Europe, Asia, Africa, United States, West Indies and The World, and sets of dry, liquid, linear and cubic measures; and the primary schools have been supplied with some material for the work of their grades.

The new schoolhouse at North Carver is a very satisfactory building. Both the rooms are light, pleasant and convenient; and are well furnished with good blackboards.

The furniture is of the adjustable type, which makes it an easy matter to secure comfortable seats for all the children. It is a little higher in price than other makes, but is well worth the extra cost. I think that in both building and furniture the money was wisely expended.

Last year some changes were made in the course of study in the high school, to better prepare the pupils to enter normal schools, and to comply with the requirements of the state board of education, as a condition on which we receive \$300 from the state for the support of the school.

In the regular course, pupils desiring it, take bookkeeping and commercial arithmetic in the senior year. To accommodate some who cannot complete the four years' course, these studies are taken the present term.

Some of the new text books adopted when the change was made in the course are as follows:

History—

Botsford's Ancient History for Beginners.

Robinson's History of Western Europe.

Coman and Kendall's History of England.

Channing's Student's History of the United States.

Science—

Carhart and Chute's High School Physics.

Shaw's Physics by Experiment.

Newth's Elementary Inorganic Chemistry.

Blaisdell's Practical Physiology.

Bergen's Elements of Botany.

Mathematics—

Williams and Rogers' Illustrative Bookkeeping.

Besides these a number of reference books have been added, including a set of Chamber's Encyclopedia.

Three large wall maps for the study of ancient history have been purchased: Kiepert's Ancient World, Ancient Greece and the Roman Empire; also a set of eight modern maps, such as have been put in the grammar schools.

A good laboratory for the study of chemistry and physics has been provided, and a well driven in the school room to furnish running water. At the time of fitting it up, and getting the physical apparatus, the class then studying physics had completed about one-half of the work of the text book, so that at that time sufficient apparatus for the remaining work of the year only was purchased; this portion of it, however, was much the most expensive. Before the opening of the fall term, that needed for the first half of the course, will have to be provided.

This year physics was not studied in the school, as the plan of having two classes taking physics together, alternating the following year with chemistry, is followed. Apparatus of the best quality for a good course in elementary inorganic chemistry, sufficient for individual work by each student, was purchased at the beginning of the fall term.

The slight acquaintance with literature that many of the pupils have on entering the high school makes it impossible to do the amount or quality of work that should be done in that study. The same is true of composition work. The only remedy for this in the future is to do more of it in the elementary schools, and it is now being done; but it will necessarily take several years for this to show in the high school. The school

reading must be supplemented by much home reading to get the best results.

It is a pupil's ability to do what is required of him that determines his fitness to enter the high school. He cannot by any means be fitted for it in the last two or three years in the elementary school. His preparation begins in the first primary grades; and the teacher who teaches him to read understandingly there, is giving him the most needed help to fit him for the high school or for life.

Although a pupil's knowledge of history may be small, if he has learned how to study it, sees that it is not memorizing facts, but learning how a people grow, and how a nation is developed, and is sufficiently mature to comprehend it, he is fitted, so far as that study is concerned, for the high school. The same is true of the other studies.

If this view is correct, and I believe it is, any person, without regard to what his previous school advantages have been, should be encouraged to enter the high school, and take up any study he chooses, if it is given in the course, provided he is able to pursue it with profit.

This does not refer to those pupils just leaving the grammar schools, who should be required to take the regular course, unless circumstances prevent their doing so; but the school should be open and free to all who can in any way profit by it.

We would gladly welcome any who thought they had completed their school work, but who feel that they would like to get a further knowledge of literature or history, or would like to make some acquaintance with chemistry or botany. Such pupils would not interfere with work of the regular students. The school is well supplied with appliances for teaching these subjects.

I think the additions to the course of study and to the equipment of the school are appreciated by both teachers and pupils, and good use is being made of them.

I would say to the teachers that the greatest need of the school, and perhaps of all the schools, at present, is more train-

ing in English, in both speaking and writing it. I realize the fact that the high school is not the place in which this training should begin. I know that in most schools in town efforts are being made along this line that will show later on. This training is a slow process, but of great importance.

I feel that the teachers, committee and superintendent have worked together for the improvement of the schools, and that it has been a successful year.

CHESTER W. HUMPHREY,
Supt. of Schools.

Carver, Mass., Jan. 23, 1904.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1903-1904.

Fall term, Sept. 28 to Dec. 18—12 weeks.

Winter vacation, Dec. 18 to Dec. 28—1 week.

Winter term, Dec. 28 to March 18—12 weeks.

Spring vacation, March 18 to March 28—1 week.

Spring term, March 28 to June 17—12 weeks.

Summer vacation, June 17 to—

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

An increasing interest in the library is noted, owing in a large measure to the efforts of the public-spirited residents of the town. Since our last report branches have been established in North and South Carver, which have materially increased the number of patrons of the library. And the success of these efforts leads us to believe that the same methods may be pursued in other sections of the town with equally gratifying results. Rev. O. F. Stetson superintends the North Carver branch, while the teachers of the South Carver schools have given their services and shelves have been provided in the schoolrooms, where books can be procured at any time, and especially a half hour after school, which period has been set apart for that purpose. If such arrangements could be made with teachers at Bates' Pond, Pope's Point and Wenham, the advantages of the library could be enjoyed by all sections of the town.

We simply call your attention to the lack of room in the library for the increasing collection of books, and, while we make no suggestions, it is evident this problem will come up for solution in the near future.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Balance from last year,	36 19	
	<hr/>	\$136 19
Paid for books,	\$119 04	

Paid for curtains,	1 80	
Balance to new account,	15 35	
	<hr/>	\$136 19

FINES.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1903,	\$24 59	
Received from librarian,	5 37	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1904,	<hr/>	\$29 96

HENRY S. GRIFFITH

SETH C. C. FINNEY.

OSCAR F. STETSON.

Trustees Carver Public Library.

CATALOGUE, 1903.

Miscellaneous.

Margaret Regis,	2041
Children with Fishes,	2042
Twenty Years After,	2043
One Thousand Notable Events in American History,	2044
The Pit,	2045
It's Never Too Late to Mend,	2046
Mayor of Casterbridge,	2047
Judge Elbridge,	2048
A Son of Hagar,	2049
Mr. Barnes of New York,	2050
Elizabeth and Her German Garden,	2051
The Caxtons,	2052
On a Mexican Mustang,	2053
The Octopus,	2054

Hollyhurst,	2055
The Strike at Shanes,	2056
Bolton, Sarah K.	
Our Devoted Friend, the Dog,	2057
Carter, Sarah Nelson.	
For Pity's Sake,	2058
Eddy, Sarah J.	
Friends and Helpers,	2059
Ensign, Hermon Lee.	
Lady Lee,	2060
Jenks, Tudor.	
Galopoff, the Talking Pony,	2061
Gypsy, the Talking Dog,	2062
Melville.	
White Dandy,	2063
Patterson, S. Louise.	
Pussy Meow,	2064
Patterson, Virginia Sharpe.	
Dickey Downey,	2065
Phelps, Elizabeth Stuart.	
Loveliness,	2066
Plympton, A. G.	
Two Dogs and a Donkey,	2067
Smith, Abbie N.	
Bobtail Dixie,	2068
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